

**Release Notes for Grants Online Version 4.32**  
**Date Deployed: April 25, 2020**

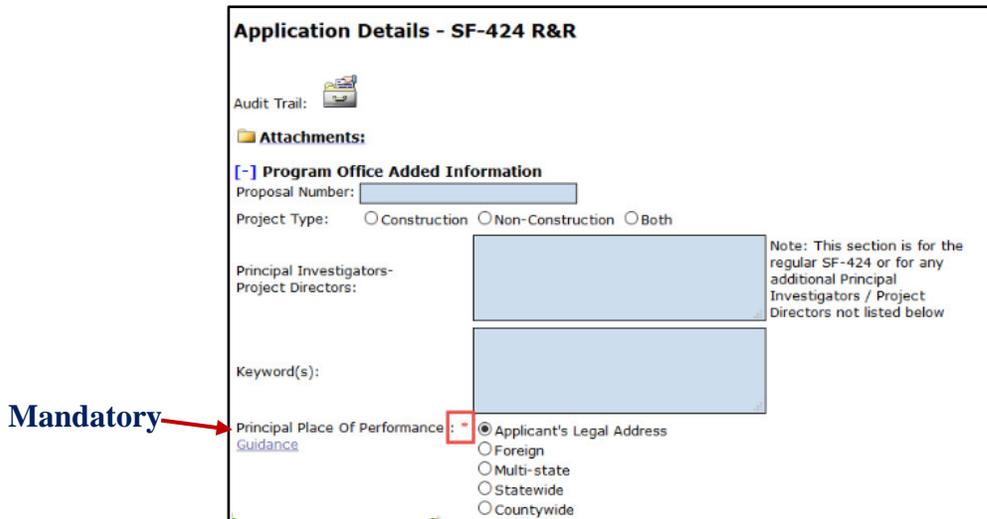
The Release Notes convey recent system upgrades and modifications. Click [here](#) to view the Help Desk contact information and reference other Grants Online training resources.

**Global**

1. With the launch of the **\*\*NEW\*\*** Grants Online Training Resources website, the server on which the current website resides (corporateservies.noaa.gov/...) is being replaced. The new URL is noaa.gov/... . For the next few months there is an automatic redirect to information stored on the new server. During the next month, Grants Online users should update Grant Online bookmarks to point to information using the new URL. [JIRA: GOL-994]

**Application Tab**

1. The Principle Place of Performance (PPP) is a required data element and is now marked with a red asterisk. [JIRA: GOL-951]



2. During the September 2019 NOAA Grants Management Advisory Council (GMAC) meeting, the Federal Assistance Law Division (FALD) determined that the **“Congressionally-Directed”** (Soft Earmark) and **“Congressionally-Mandated”** (Hard Earmark) options and the associated guidance should be removed from the **Basis for Selection** on the PO Checklist. [JIRA: GOL-952]

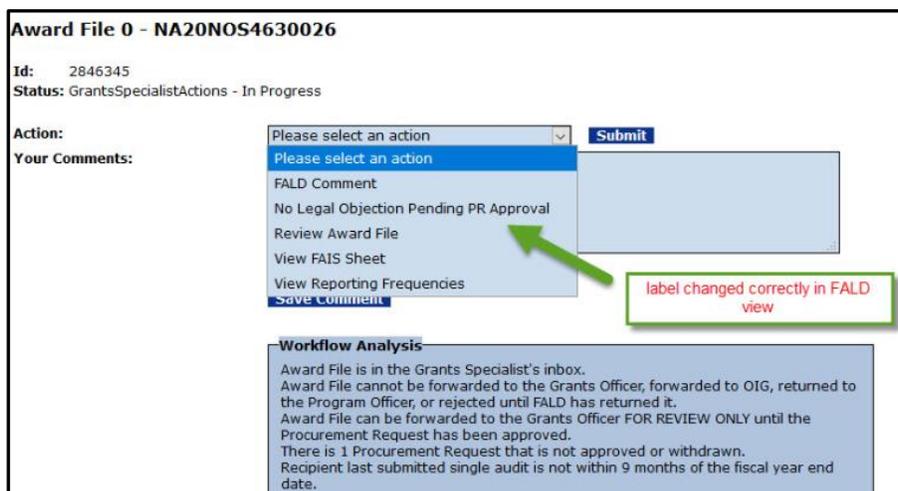
Soft Earmark and Hard Earmark are not available.



Basis of Selection <sup>?</sup> Guidance

- Competitive
- Non-Competitive
- Institutional (designated by Grants Office)
- Formula/Allotment

- Based upon a Federal Assistance Law Division (FALD) request, the language on the dropdown menu option when **an unapproved Procurement Request (PR) must be included in the Award File – prior to Grants Officer signature** has been updated. This scenario is known as a Zero Dollar PR. The new dropdown menu option is **“No Legal Objection Pending PR Approval.”** [JIRA: GOL-953]



Award File 0 - NA20NOS4630026

**Id:** 2846345  
**Status:** GrantsSpecialistActions - In Progress

**Action:** Please select an action

**Your Comments:**

- Please select an action
- FALD Comment
- No Legal Objection Pending PR Approval
- Review Award File
- View FAIS Sheet
- View Reporting Frequencies
- save comment

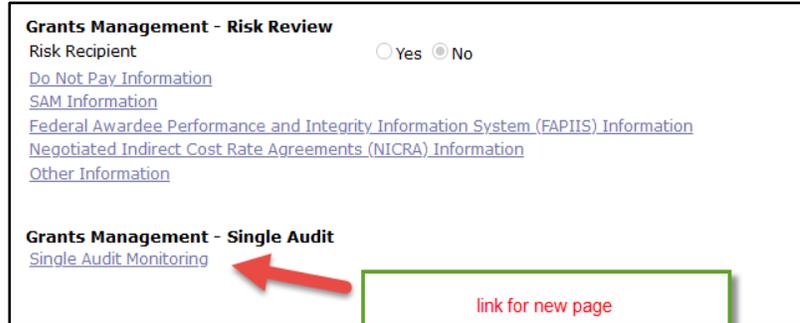
**Workflow Analysis**

Award File is in the Grants Specialist's inbox.  
Award File cannot be forwarded to the Grants Officer, forwarded to OIG, returned to the Program Officer, or rejected until FALD has returned it.  
Award File can be forwarded to the Grants Officer FOR REVIEW ONLY until the Procurement Request has been approved.  
There is 1 Procurement Request that is not approved or withdrawn.  
Recipient last submitted single audit is not within 9 months of the fiscal year end date.

label changed correctly in FALD view

- Three Specific Award Condition templates were added to Grants Online. The templates are as listed below. The full content of the new Specific Award Condition templates is not included in the Release Notes. [JIRA: GOL-954]
  - CI Multi-year Awards** Administrative Specific Award Condition (Administrative - NEW or CONTINUATION Award)
  - Risk of Applicant Designation** Specific Award Condition (Administrative – AUDIT)
  - Agency Review Designation** Specific Award Condition (Administrative – AUDIT)

5. Beneath the **Grants Management – Single Audit** heading on the Organization Profile page there is a new hyperlink, Single Audit Monitoring. Clicking on this hyperlinks opens a new page.



On the new page the description that accompanies the attachment should be selected from the following list of options:

- a. Single Audit SF-FAC Form
- b. Independent Single Audit Report
- c. Cooperative Audit Resolution Matrix
- d. Management Decision Letter
- e. Initial Recipient Audit Resolution Response
- f. Audit Resolution Proposal
- g. Audit Resolution Determination Letter
- h. Request to Establish Debt Letter
- i. Recipient Appeal Response
- j. Final Decision on Appeal Letter
- k. Supplemental (other) Audit Documentation

In addition, changes made to the data elements currently on the main page under the **Grants Management – Single Audit** heading are recorded and available from an audit log. [JIRA: GOL-963]

Audit Log				
User	Field	New Value	Previous Value	Date
Patty Mayo	Recipient Fiscal Year End Date	03/30/2020	05/30/2020	03/11/2020 11:46 AM
Patty Mayo	Recipient Fiscal Year End Date	05/30/2020	08/30/2020	03/11/2020 11:45 AM
Patty Mayo	Recipient Fiscal Year End Date	08/30/2020	Empty Audit Value	03/09/2020 9:43 AM

[Cancel](#)

- When the user selects the Legal Address option for the Principal Place of Performance (PPP) data element, the congressional district is populated using the CONG\_DIST stored in the ADDRESS table. [JIRA: GOL-976]
- After Grants Officer Approval, the **FPO Only** checkbox on the Specific Award Conditions details page is visible to end users. [JIRA: GOL-987]

**Specific Award Condition Details**

**THIS DOCUMENT IS LOCKED**

Name: Partial Funding Special Award Condition For Increases

Description: For Increases in award funding:  
The amount of Federal funding for this award is greater than the amount requested due to NOAA priorities. The cost sharing/matching requirement, if any, has been commensurately raised to reflect the resultant increased requirement. Please submit an SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance and related forms for the additional funding. Please complete them along with a brief project description and budget narrative to address the additional funds not requested in the original application. The completed forms are due back to Grants Office within 60 days of the Grants Officer signature date.

**Association Edits:**

Response Required:  -- Select One --

Payment Verification Needed:  FPO Only:  

Satisfied Date:

Type: Administrative Approved Displayed correctly after GO approval

**Cancel**

## Awards Tab

1. An ASAP Authorizer can return an ASAP Drawdown Request to the user who initiated it. The availability of this option is evidenced by an updated Action dropdown menu and is shown in the Workflow History. [JIRA: GOL-911]

**Award Action Request - ED20HDQ3030001**

**Id:** 2846980  
**Status:** Approved: ASAPAuthorizerActions - Not Started

**Action:**

**Your Comments:**

- ASAP Authorization Complete
- Return Request** 
- View Award Action Request Details

Workflow History							
Name	Date Assigned	Date Started	Date Completed	Performer	Role	Action Taken	Current Status
ASAP Authorization-ASAP Drawdown Request	03/10/2020 10:23:26 AM				ASAPAuthorizer		Not Started
ASAP Authorization-ASAP Drawdown Request	03/10/2020 10:23:25 AM			ASAP AUTHORIZER	ASAPAuthorizer		Not Started
ASAP Authorization-ASAP Drawdown Request	03/10/2020 10:23:25 AM				ASAPAuthorizer		Not Started
ASAP Authorization-ASAP Drawdown Request	03/10/2020 10:23:25 AM				ASAPAuthorizer		Not Started
ASAP Authorization-ASAP Drawdown Request	03/10/2020 10:23:26 AM				ASAPAuthorizer		Not Started
Review ASAP Award Action Request	03/10/2020 10:22:04 AM	03/10/2020 10:23:24 AM	03/10/2020 10:23:24 AM		GrantsSpecialist	AcceptRequest	Complete
Review Award Action Request	03/10/2020 10:05:20 AM	03/10/2020 10:22:04 AM	03/10/2020 10:22:04 AM		RecipientAuthorizedRepresentative	ForwardToAgency	Complete
ASAP Authorization-ASAP Drawdown Request	03/10/2020 09:57:38 AM	03/10/2020 10:05:16 AM	03/10/2020 10:05:16 AM		ASAPAuthorizer	Return	Complete
Review ASAP Award Action Request	03/10/2020 09:39:01 AM	03/10/2020 09:57:36 AM	03/10/2020 09:57:36 AM		GrantsSpecialist	AcceptRequest	Complete
Review Award Action Request	03/10/2020 09:37:43 AM	03/10/2020 09:39:01 AM	03/10/2020 09:39:01 AM		RecipientAuthorizedRepresentative	ForwardToAgency	Complete

2. The ASAP Authorizer notification for the Extension to Closeout task is sent to the appropriate user. [JIRA: GOL-955]

Welcome to Grants Online Dr. Sam Attil. You are logged in to TEST1Th.

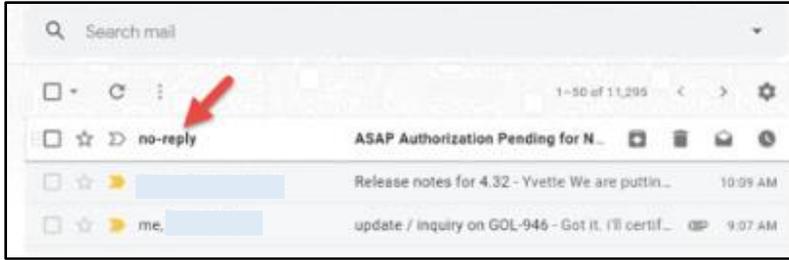
Advisories >> Task Management >> Notifications

### Your Notifications

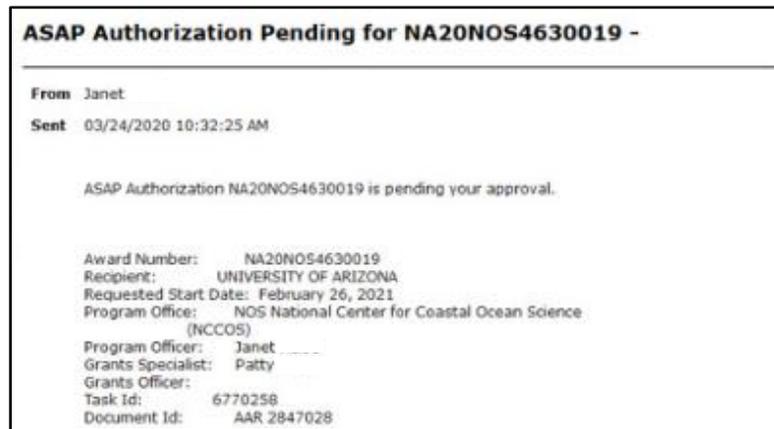
19 items found, displaying all items.1

Action	From	Sent	Subject
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">View Notification</a> <a href="#">View Task</a>	Patty	03/03/2020 10:10:43 AM	NA20NOS4630016 - Extension to Close Out
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">View Notification</a>	Sam	03/03/2020 10:04:02 AM	Award NA20NOS4630022
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">View Notification</a> <a href="#">View Task</a>	Sam	03/03/2020 10:03:58 AM	Award File for NA20NOS4630022

List of the Notifications Sent to a User

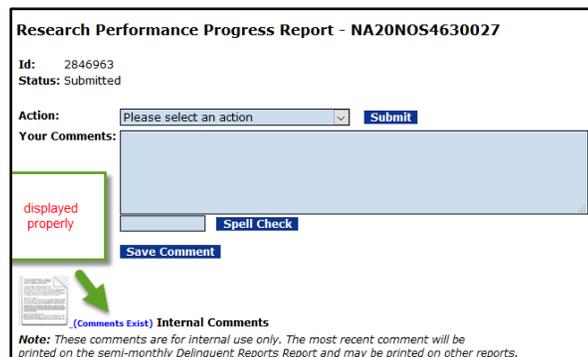


View of a User’s Email Account



Notification Sent to a User re: an ASAP Drawdown Request

3. Information for **The Single Audit Comment** data element is always required. The logic used to assess data entry has been modified. The modification determines when normal processing occurs and when processing with a warning message occurs. [JIRA: GOL-958]
4. The Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) launch page now includes an icon that allows an internal user to include comments with the RPPR. This is similar to the functionality that was enabled for the Performance Progress Report (PPR) and the SF-425 (Federal Financial Report - FFR). [JIRA: GOL-961]







## Account Management Tab

- The underlying code has been modified to prevent a user, while in the Edit mode of the My Profile section, from inadvertently deactivating his/her account. Prior to the software update, the user could accidentally modify the Active Flag prior to clicking the "Save", "Save and Return" or the "Cancel" button. [JIRA: GOL-977]

**Manage Profile**

Prefix:

First Name:

Middle Name:

Last Name:

Affix:

**User Account Details**

User Name: alal

Active Flag:  Yes

Page in Edit mode

**Manage Profile**

Prefix:

First Name:

Middle Name:

Last Name:

Affix:

**User Account Details**

User Name: alal

Active Flag:  Yes

**Security Questions**

#	Question Text	Answer Text
1	What is your oldest sister's middle name?	JAN2012
2	In what year was your mother born?	JUN2017
3	In what city was your mother born?	DEC2017

**Edit Security Questions**

**Affiliations**

Details	Org ID	Organization	Position	Phone	Address	E-Mail
<a href="#">Details</a>	2006815	ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUPPLY, INC.	PI	2405330310	, Germantown, 20874-8888 US	testemail@msg2.rdc.f

[Add a new affiliation >>](#)

**Assigned Roles**

Role	Org ID	Organization	CFDA
Recipient Authorized Representative	2006815	ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUPPLY, INC.	
Recipient Investigator - Submitting	2006815	ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUPPLY, INC.	

[Save](#) [Save and Return To Main](#) [Cancel](#)

modified data

**Manage Profile**

Save was successful.

Prefix:

First Name:

Middle Name:

Last Name:

Affix:

**User Account Details**

User Name: alal

Active Flag:  Yes

Flag status remained the same after modification is saved – correct

## PMO Tab

1. The process of shifting an organization from non-ASAP to being enrolled in ASAP has been automated. This eliminates the possibility of errors when data and attachments are transferred from the non-ASAP Profile to the ASAP Profile. [JIRA: GOL-946]
2. To comply with NIST Special Publication 800-53, the Grants Online Operations Program Manager receives a quarterly list of Grants Online privileged users (those with Super Sys Admin accounts). [JIRA: GOL-956]
3. Prior to this release, there was a difference between the method used to assign data to the Assigned\_PO and the Assigned\_PO\_ID data elements in a database tables. The logic was modified to ensure consistent population of those two data elements. [JIRA: GOL-979]

## EDA Only

1. On the Grant File launch page, the Correspondence and Federal Reports section has been modified. The Project Location data element has a new qualifier, **Type**. [JIRA: GOL-964]
2. When a Project Officer sets up a RFA, data must be specified for the Program Code. Among the options available from a dropdown menu are:
  - UC - University Center
  - LTA - Local Technical Assistance
  - STA - Short Term Planning
  - PP - Partnership Planning
  - RE - Research and Evaluation
  - NTA - National Technical Assistance
  - EAA - Economic Adjustment Assistance
  - B2S-VC - Build2Scale Programs - Venture Challenge
  - B2S-CC - Build2Scale Programs - Capital Challenge
  - B2S-IC - Build2Scale Programs - Industry Challenge

In addition, a cautionary warning was added to the CFDA dropdown menu that prompts the Project Officer to verify the CFDA Number. Inaccurate information will cause processing errors and delay workflow progression. [JIRA: GOL-989]